Dec 19, 1944

The Executive Board of the N.J. Urban League met on the above date with nine members present and Dr Bell in the chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.
A general letter had been rec'd from the Nat'l Urban League containing a summary of the year's work.
An acknowledgment of the letter sent him while in the Hospital had been sent by Dr. Alexander.
A letter of greeting had been rec'd from Cpl. James McNeal.
The Citizens' Com. on Interracial Unity had sent a letter urging purchase of tickets to the dance recitals of Pearl Primus to be given in January.
Russian War Relief is asking certain articles of clothing and certain items of food to be given during the Christmas Holidays.
A memorandum had been rec'd from the Nat'l Urban League listing the personnel needed.
Mrs. Louise Robinson, Neighborhood Sec'y had sent in her resignation to take effect the first of the year.
Our Executive Sec'y had rec'd a communication from Robert Weaver, Director of Community Services of the American Council on Race Relations in Chicago asking him to work with the Council, even if it had to be on the basis of securing a leave of absence from Newark for a period of from 6 to 12 months

Dr. Parks reported for ... taken on Miss Robinson ... resignation had been ... and the Exec. ... contact two ... formed a ... interviewing.

The Treasurer's report showed:

Receipts $1239.58
Disbursements 1191.22
Bank balance as of Nov. 30 2,013.69

Mr. Ormond, reporting for the Building Com. stated that the appraised value of the first building considered was much less than the asking price.

Mr. Lett told of another building in a suitable locality which was in fine condition and for which the asking price seemed very reasonable.

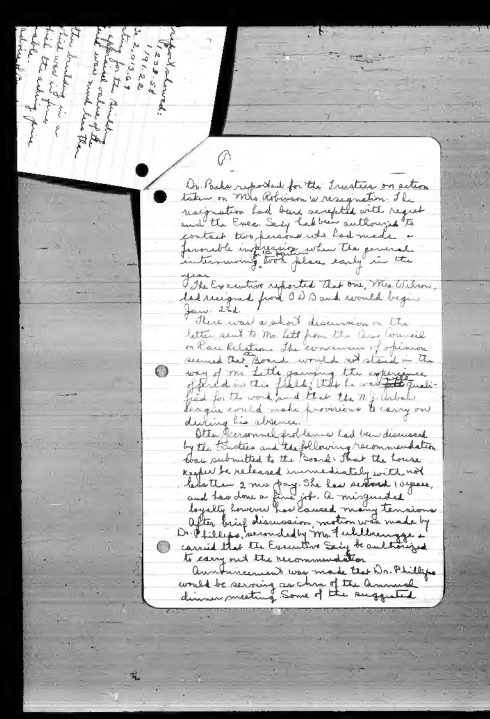
The Executive asked advice of Board in the matter of having the Speed-O-Print repaired at 25.00.

After brief discussion motion was made by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Dr. McCarroll and seconded that the machine be repaired at this cost.

Mr. Fuhlbrugge as chm of Industrial Com. stated that it has been impossible to get his com. together. He is looking forward to one in January, but suggests that a letter be sent by Mr. Garner to all com. members pointing out the necessity of attending com. meetings.

It was announced that the W.M.C. is about to import Jamaicans and Mexicans. ~~The~~ Question ~~arose~~ arose as to whether the money that is sent back home by the govt. is being saved for the workers or kept by the government.

Information as to the availability of native labor is to be secured thru the Urban League Branches.



Dr. Parks reported for the Trustees on action taken on Mrs Robinson's resignation. The resignation had been accepted with regret and the Exec. Secy had been authorized to contact two persons who had made a favorable impression when the general interviewing for the position took place early in the year.

The Executive reported that one, Mrs. Wilson, had resigned from O D B and would begin Jan. 2nd.

There was a short discussion on the letter sent to Mr. Lett from the Am Council on Race Relations. The consensus of opinion seemed that the Board would not stand in the way of Mr. Lett's gaining the experience offered in this field; that he was ~~????~~ well qualified for the work and that the N. J. Urban League could make provisions to carry on during his absence.

Other Personnel problems had been discussed by the trustees and the following recommendation was submitted to the Board: That the house keeper be released immediately with not less than 2 mos pay. She has served 10 years, and has done a fine job. A misguided loyalty however has caused many tensions.

After brief discussion, motion was made by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Fichtbrugge & carried that the Executive Secy be authorized to carry out the recommendation.

Announcement was made that Dr. Phillips would be serving as chm of the Annual dinner meeting. Some of the suggested

speakers are Dr. Edwin Embree, Lillian Smith, Congressman Powell. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.